

Dear Caroline, Tuesday morning

I got yesterday a letter from Henry to Anne at the office, which I read & found O.K. Calling to see Aunt Margaret on my way, she told me ~~that my sister Emma had written~~ & ~~was on the point of~~ - on her way to Nahant & appeared, ~~with Emma~~. The doctor urged me strongly to go with him in the next boat, but of course I couldn't. Emma was to take tea on return at Aunt Margaret's where I promised to be, but could not justify on account of my ~~being present in the week~~ & ~~being there~~ in ~~the week~~ (The great Sheridan! was it?) But I enclose the letter to Emma, & suppose she has it at Brook Hill. Samana was in town yesterday, after help, what he got. Pruit is coming in town to live. She has done well by them but they are just as live. This morning found a letter from Dr. D. Webb. Saying he's sorry he wrote to Rogers the last time - thinks him so kind & mean.

Miss Proby has just called. No news. Says she hates to go to Mr. Sammetts - Says Sam Linnell is so quiet he gets no abuse from any body. Says she is going to deduce the 1st of August. I went to Henry's room. - He is out of town. I think your suggestion a good one, not to have a head, as we are such tyrants &c., but if we should think better of it I would as hard have yours as any one's. You're twice more for the cause than Lucretia Mott, & I dare say as many would be glad to see it. I should admire Mrs. Brooks.

Saw Wendell yesterday. He is to be at Leicester with Sam. Mary's celebration. Wm. Atkinson showed me the Universal circular to & he sent to every minister for signature.

ANTI-SLAVERY PEACE PLEDGE.

WE, the undersigned,

hereby solemnly pledge ourselves not to countenance or aid the United States Government in any war which may be occasioned by the annexation of Texas, or in any other war, foreign or domestic, designed to strengthen or perpetuate slavery.

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It is headed by Peterson, followed by Clarke, ^{AP.} Peabody, W.H. Channing, Briggs, Stearns, the Mays, & the proposing abs. in short, of the Unitarian body. Peterson does not want any thing said till it is filled with signatures. It is good - excellent. If there had never been any stand made by the pro-slavery people at the bridge of Channingism, we could all sign it as perfect. But it is a good Unitarian testimony. It does not much incriminate slaveholders - but then it is no partial there as far as professions go, & more distant in practice. There is an actual though not a formal coignance taken of character in the U. church. A thief is not countenanced in preaching - nor a drunkard - nor an abolitionist. Further in countenance ought a slaveholder to be. Then there is a suspension of the distinction between slaveholders, & slaveholding, - slave making & slaveholding, but it is capable of a good interpretation. But that is the defect of the whole Unitarian theology: - they treat all sins just in this way. I had a talk with Wm Channing about it, & he says "It is one of

DISUNION PLEDGE.

WHEREAS, in the formation and adoption of the Constitution of the United States, the following criminal and dangerous concessions were made to the slaveholding power, namely; that the foreign slave trade should be safely prosecuted under the national flag, as a lawful branch of American commerce, for a period of not less than twenty years; that fugitive slaves should find no protection from their pursuers on any portion of the American soil; that slave insurrections should be suppressed by the combined military and naval power of the country, if needed in any emergency; and that a slaveholding oligarchy, created by allowing three-fifths of the whole slave population to be represented as property by their masters, should be allowed a place in Congress;—

Therefore, regarding that Constitution as a “covenant with death, and an agreement with hell,” the mighty prop that sustains the entire slave system, we, the undersigned,

to signify our abhorrence of injustice and oppression, and to clear our skirts from innocent blood, do hereby pledge ourselves not to elect, or in any way aid or countenance the election of a candidate for any office, the entrance upon which requires an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States; but in all suitable ways to strive for the peaceable dissolution of the Union, as the most consistent, feasible, and efficient means of abolishing Slavery.

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our Unitarian Principles." They have
stained a power to do as well as they
have. Altogether the circular is the
best thing that has been done out of
the U.S. Banks. I don't see the need to put
flaws in it. I don't believe they'll get
any more signs than the disunion
pledge will. However, well seen - & if
the flaws are well upon, appreciated
so that it gets signs through their means,
we can expose them, & make them

feel no better after the medicine
than before they took it. I send you
the Penn. Freeman. I can, I think
by a judicious statement to C. K. Whipple
Hinder my help going to N. B. He told
me that Chace had been to him & offered
to aid in any way he could. He asked
him to keep at Waltham. It stands so a
page or two, & then Chace came & told
him if it was the same thing to him
he should like to be at Fall River. Mr. White
wrote that he should rather not speak so
near home & should prefer Fall River,
if he could be taken in without conveying
that he went with the Soc. as to its present
views. In embarrassed as it was with dis-
union, he took no more interest in it than
he did in the Unitarian Church.

Liza has written a letter to Charles
Sumner - practically a slap upon the
back. R. D. Webb feels melancholy to see
the looks of the cause - I must cheer him
up. I think you will like the Standard
Circular. Saw Drimblecom at the office.
Shall send him one. He is settled in
Barre. Saw Sam Bullon. He told
me that Stanton, & all that gang were to
be at the Philadelphia meeting. (November)
I urge him to go. Don't they do well
up West? I am glad they can. When
such a thing can be done, there's no need
that one poor wretch should take the
burden & the odium of controversy.

There is a petition circulating from
Thayer's School, for as long a vacation as